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Tradition

Tradition is a form of constant practice. One of my own traditions in my life is to read 800 pages of the book, “Bearing the Cross” by David J. Garrow each January. It is the book I read in January of every year. The book is about Martin Luther King, Jr. I love his theology of the cross and practice. He is one of my heroes. One of his famous speeches is “I have a dream...”

In January of 2012, while reading this book, his dream speech touched me more deeply than every before. Yes, I know that I am writing this article for the July Newsletter. Since January I have been processing my thoughts on “I have a dream.” I feel like it’s about time to share my thoughts/dreams. So, I am here to articulate.

I’ve turned 40 this year. I’ve never thought that I would live this long, but God

has granted me extra years of life on earth. When I was about 6, I became very ill. I was hospitalized for two years without knowing the causes of pain on chest and stomach. The medical doctors and system in Korea at that time were not advanced enough to diagnose my illness. Everyone gave up on me, except my mom and God. In “death” bed so called, I asked God to let me live until my 30th year and I would do my best to expand the kingdom of God. Miraculously, I was healed through prayers at the prayer house on a mountain in Korea. As soon as I regained my health, I planned my life up to my 30th year. So I did my best at whatever I could do, based on the plan I had to fulfill the promise I made with God. My plan was my dream. With the grace of God, I have accomplished all I dreamed of. I am thankful for that.

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However, I did not plan or dream for my life after 30 because I thought it would be the end of my life on earth. Since I kept living after the “due” time I thought of, I just lived the life daily as fully as possible without having any dream. The doctoral study opportunity in Biblical Preaching and Church Leadership was offered to me with full scholarship, so I took it since I had no plan. After that, another doctoral study opportunity in Nonprofit Management was landed on my lap, so I took it since I had no plan still.

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Since I kept living, I felt like I should be a “woman” to a guy God has in mind for me. Then, Sung showed up in my life and became the man of my life. Since I married, I felt like I needed to live with him under the same roof to have a conventional married life. So, I explored a possibility to move from Southern California to Chicago to be with my hubby. Then, within two months from that point God moved me to Schaumburg to be with my hubby by offering me one of the best churches in the world—***Our Redeemer's*** UMC.

This year instead of living the life day by day without any plan or dream I felt that I should start to dream again for the extra life God has blessed me with even though I do not know when God will call me to be with him in heaven. So, I've decided to become a dreamer again as I used to be in my youth years. So, I say today that I have a dream.

Due to the limited space, I won't be able to share the dream(s) I have at this time. But I will share the list of dreams one by one with you via this FROG section of the newsletter. For now I would like to encourage all of you to join me in living the life God has given us with dreaming daily as fully as possible by fully relying on God even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow. I have a dream today. How about you?

Rabbit!

Pastor Sunny



ORUMC Summer Concert



"MAKE IT GLORIOUS!"

"A Concert of Praise and Celebration."

Presented by the Youth and Young Adult Music Ministry of ORUMC

Friday, July 13, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 14, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Directed by Ron Zemke

Come to hear uplifting Christian music presented by the talented youth and young adult musicians of *Our Redeemer's*. Join us after the concert for a café-style presentation of contemporary music in the Wesley Hall.

TICKET PRICES are:

\$10 ~ Adults – 13 years, & up

\$5 ~ Children 12 years and under.

Tickets can be purchased before and after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday services. Tickets also can be reserved by calling **Shelomi Gomes** at **630-936-9239**, or emailing her at home1@spiculum.net.

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO THIS CONCERT!

It will definitely be a must see and hear event for the summer! Funds raised from this concert will be put towards a new sound system for our church.



ORUMC Youth Summer Events

For all youth entering 7th grade through completed 12th grade

by Marianne Rogenski

June 25, 6:30-8:30

Family fun night with stewardship

July 2, 6:30-8:30

Family fun night with stewardship

For these two nights all youth and their families are invited to come and discuss different aspects of stewardship, from budgeting to tithing and many things in between! After that discussion there will be food and parents v. youth games. Don't miss these fun and educational evenings!

July 11, 6-9pm

Pool/game party at Hills

Everyone will need to bring \$ for Nana's Gi-Nana-Mous pizza plus there will be snacks and desserts. The pool will be open and there will also be other games.

July 13 and 14, 7pm

Make It Glorious!

The Youth and Young Adult Music Ministry of ORUMC will present a concert of praise and celebration. Tickets for this con-

cert will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger.

July 25, 6-8:30pm

Laser Quest

We will meet there and play 3 games. The cost is \$19 per person. Please RSVP to Marianne by July 15.

August 9, 6-9pm

BBQ/game night at Gorvetts

Everyone will bring \$ to chip in for dogs, brats, and burgers on the grill plus there will be snacks and desserts. Bring your favorite game—for outside or inside!



Samantha Miller	7/1
Scott Huber	7/6
Christopher Rocha	7/9
Isaac Rogenski	7/12
Emily Trenn	7/12
Joseph Stehlin	7/20
Michael Stehlin	7/20
Sarah Meyer	7/24
Antonio Wiebel	7/26
Don Rathje	7/30



Christian Education News *Backpack Blessing 2012* *Sunday, 08/19*

Back to School is just around the corner. Shopping for school supplies, books, and fall clothes becomes a part of everyone's schedule. Here at ***Our Redeemer's***, on Sunday, August 19th we want to celebrate and bless the beginning of another school year. Students, preschool through adult, bring their backpacks to worship services at 9am or 10:30am. During the worship services, children and students of all ages will be lifted up in prayer and their backpack will be prayed over as they begin a new school year.

Safe Sanctuary Training *Sat, 8/25, 9am-3pm*

This training is a mandatory training for all paid-staff, Sunday school teachers, and all people who will be working with minors at ***Our Redeemer's*** according to its policies that demonstrate its absolute and unwavering commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of its children/youth.

Please arrange another date/time with **Pastor Sunny** or **Marianne Rogenski** if you are not able to make it to this training. Please RSVP with Pastor Sunny or Marianne.



Community Crisis Center

Summer is around the corner so the Center can use gently used or new swim wear for women and children. No footwear is accepted unless new. Beach towels (used) and sun screen (new) will also be appreciated.

Paper products are always needed: paper towels, Kleenex, Puffs, toilet paper, etc.

Diapers in sizes 4, 5 and 6 are also needed.

They can always use toiletries (new) including the hotel/motel small items. Basic health supplies (containing no alcohol): acetaminophen, allergy meds., antacids (Tums), ibuprofen, kaopectate, neosporin/bacitracin, sinus meds., and calamine lotion.

Church Ladies Nite Out *July 18, 6:00 p.m.*

The Church Ladies will be going to Red Robin at Rt 59 on Wednesday, July 18. We will be meeting there at 6:00 p.m.. We welcome all newcomers, so come and join us for good fellowship and good food. Any questions can be answered by phoning **Bev Wilkes** at 847-885-2311.



ASP Kentucky 2012



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United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting

Saturday July 14, 8:00 a.m.

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend our monthly breakfast meeting at 8:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month. We will continue meeting at church during the summer. Next meeting July 14.

After the breakfast meeting, we will continue the study, *Life in the Spirit*.

Email Addresses

We are in the process of up-dating our All-Church Emails. If you haven't been receiving the emails from Donna, or your email has changed recently, please email donna@orumc.org or call the office, 847-882-6116, and give us your new information.

Keep Cool

If you set the thermostat down to keep cool during a church meeting, be sure to select *Run Program* when you leave.

Finance Factoid

Both of our summer mission trips, ASP and the Joplin trip, are fully funded this year! Thanks to everyone who donated to these great causes.



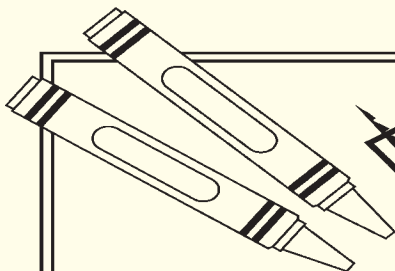
Personal Notes



Our deepest sympathy to **Evelyn Wiebel** and family on the death of her husband, **Don Wiebel**.

Don's memorial service will be July 7, 10:30 a.m. at church.





PUZZLE

KNOW THE WAY

Thomas said to Jesus, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" (John 14:5, NIV).

Directions: To read Jesus' reply, shade in the letters that contain an asterisk (*) and write them in order on the blanks below.

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_____ 14:6, NIV

Answer: Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6, NIV)

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